National Fisheries Policy

*527 SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a National Fisheries Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The Government have constituted an Expert Group to formulate a National Fisheries Policy covering all aspects of the fisheries sector. Various Ministers, Departments, Organisations, State Governments, private institutions and individuals who are closely connected with divers activities of the fisheries sector in the country, have been included as members of the Expert Group.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Expert Group has had several meeting to discuss various issues involved and is in the process of preparing the draft policy paper.

Jhuggi-Jhonpries in Delhi

*528. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether no study has been conducted to find out as to how the growth of slums could be restricted in Delhi where the Jhuggi-Jhonpries are on the increase;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to carry such a study which would help to take suitable remedial measures; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any record is maintained about the number of Jhuggi-Jhonpries; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have reported that no such study has been conducted.

(b) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have reported that no such record is maintained.

Harmful effects of Chemicals used as Mosquito Killers

*529. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chemicals used by various companies manufacturing mosquito killers are harmful to human beings;

(b) if so, the names of the companies manufacturing mosquito killers chemicals;

(c) whether Government have ever examined the effect of these chemicals on human beings; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir. Only those chemicals are granted registration as mosquito killers (repellants) which satisfy the prescribed safety parameters.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of thge House. (see below)

(c) and (d) Before registration of any chemical pesticide, the Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968, examines the data generated as per prescribed guidelines,

which *inter-alia* include human exposure/ health monitoring studies, and only after satisfaction regarding safety, these chemicals are allowed for use.

Statement

Statement showing the names of the Companies Registered for Manufacturing Mosquito killers under Section 9(3) of the insecticides Act, 1968

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the product
1.	M/s Sur Chemicals Industries, 71, Biplabi Rash Bihari Bose Road, Calcutta.	Allethrin 0.5% Coil
2.	M/s Sunita Home Products Ltd., Karol Bagh, New Delhi.	Allethrin 0.2% Coil
3.	M/s Karamchand Industries, Fort, Bombay.	Allethrin 3.6% Liquid
4.	M/s Transelectra Domestic Products Ltd., 126 Creative Industrial Building, Kalina, Bombay.	Allethrin 4% Mat
5.	M/s Semio Chemicals, Hyderabad.	Allethrin 2% Mat
6.	M/s Transelectra Domestic Products Ltd., Kalina, Bombay.	Allethrin 0.5% Aerosol
7.	M/s Transelectra Domestic Products Ltd., Kalina, Bombay.	d-trans-Allethrin 2% Mat

Modernisation of Delta Development Plan in Orissa

*530. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the modernisation of Delta Development Plan in Orissa;

(b) if so, the financial provisions made for modernising Delta Development Plan in that State; and

(c) the details of the work undertaken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Orissa has taken steps in this regard.

(b) The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 100 crores for the project in the VIII plan. The State Government has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 21.46 crores upto 1994-95 and has proposed an outlay of Rs. 2 crores for 1995-96.

(c) 534 individual works have been constructed comprising improvement of canals, canal structures, canal roads and village road bridges connected with drainage development and modernisation of irrigation system.

Interest Rates charged by NSFDC

*531. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the interest rates being charged by the National Scheduled Castes